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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/986,319  
Filed: November 8, 2001  
Inventor: Timothy J. SIMMS  
For: System and Method For Establishing Secure  
Communication Using A Shared Secret Key  
Dkt. No.: 16222.004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents:

1. this Transmittal Letter;
2. a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application
3. a Return postcard.

Timothy J. Simms, the inventor of application Serial Number 09/986,319, has signed a new declaration, which is enclosed. The original declaration, filed with the application on November 8, 2001, incorrectly lists November 6, 2001 as the filing date. Although it is believed that the original declaration sufficiently identifies the application papers with which it was filed, Applicant requests that this new declaration replace the original to clarify the correct filing date of the application.

Because this is a corrected Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application, and the application was complete as filed, we believe that no fee is required. If any charges are deemed appropriate, applicants hereby authorize the U.S. Patent Office to charge any fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824 under our reference number 16222.004

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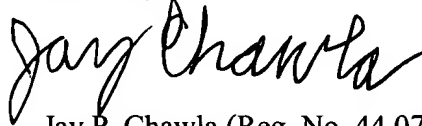
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Timothy J. Simms  
March 26, 2002  
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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Chawla". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and last name "Chawla" clearly distinguishable.

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Enclosures